

LENCY, but also of our *Council of War*, seems wonderful—that Gentlemen unus'd to such Affairs, should in *Two Months* Time, think of and get every Thing suitable for so great and various an Armament by Sea and Land: So that nothing proper seems to have been omitted. And I have heard some express themselves with Wonder to see how Things would happen;—Just as they wanted some Kinds of *Materials* or *Provisions*, an unexpected *Vessel* would come in and bring them.

12. It is also wonderful—that though the *Small Pox*, which has been so fatal and dreadful to us, came into *this Town and Harbour*, as our Troops were coming in both by Land and Water, and continued all the Time they were quartering and anchoring here, very few of the Officers or Soldiers having had it, and we were full of anxious Apprehensions; yet it neither hindred them, nor did the dangerous Infection spread among them, which in that critical Juncture would, after all, have wholly overthrown the Enterprize.

And now our Army of *Three Thousand* Land Soldiers, with all Kind of Stores being ready to sail about the 20th of *March*, in about a *Hundred Vessels*, besides *Five Hundred* Soldiers more sent from *Connecticut*, and *Three Hundred and Fifty* from *New Hampshire*—we had almost every gloomy Prospect to make us tremble.

For our *Inland Borders* were now left bare of a great Part of their Strength, by the enlisting of so many of their able Men *Volunteers* in the Expedition. And if the Enterprize succeeded, the *heavy Debts* would almost sink us. But if, for our Offences, GOD was carrying forth a great Part of the *Flower* of our Country to be destroy'd; a most dismal Scene of Ruin seem'd to follow! They were to sail *Five Hundred Miles* to the Enemies Island, in a *raw* and *stormy Time* of the Year. And if the fear'd *Infection* had taken Place and should break out among them, especially after their Landing; what a general Terror would seize them from the Hand of GOD which there was no resisting, and in what a miserable Case would they be! A naval Power with Stores and disciplin'd Troops were also early expected There from *France* to conquer *Nova Scotia*: And after all the Labours of our unwearied Governor, to obtain some *Men of War* from our neighbouring Colonies; and *West India Islands*, to come and protect and help us; our *hopeful Prospects* seem to dwindle away—and we could see no other but that, if *Two Sixty-Gun Ships* of our Enemies, which were early expected, should